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SUBJECT: ROC POLICY TOWARD PRC VESSELS IN THE TAIWAN
STRAIT

FOLLOWING USDAO TAIPEI MESSAGE SENT ACTION DIA WASHDC INFO
COMSEVENTHFLT COMUSTDC TAIPEI COMIPAC HONOLULU CINCPACFLT
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THIS IS IR NR 6 818 0503 75

1. NATIONALIST CHINA
2. (U) CN RULES OF ENGAGEMENT IN THE TAIWAN STRAITS
3. NA
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5. TAIPEI, TW, 18 SEP 75
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7. ADM SOONG, CINC, CN
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10. NA
11. DIOP: PG1200
12. USDAO TAIPEI, TW
13. S.D. KULLY, CAPT, USN, ALUSNA
14. J.K. TETRICK, COL, USAF, DATT
15. (SNFD) THIS REPORT PROVIDES INFORMATION ON RULES OF
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ENGAGEMENT (ROE) UNDER WHICH CHINESE NAVY (CN) SHIPS MUST
OPERATE IN THE TAIWAN STRAITS. SOURCE STATED THAT NO
AGGRESSIVE ACTION IS TO BE TAKEN BY CN SHIPS IN THE EVENT
CONTACT IS MADE WITH A PRC SHIP UNLESS THE PRCN UNIT FIRES

THE FIRST SHOT. AT THAT TIME THE CN CO HAS AUTHORITY TO RETURN FIRE. OTHERWISE THE CN SHIP MUST REPORT THE CONTACT TO HIGHER AUTHORITY (UNSPECIFIED), MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE ON THE CONTACT AND AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIGHER AUTHORITY. CN SHIPS INVOLVED IN RESUPPLYING THE OSI CONDUCT THEIR TRANSITS AT NIGHT TO MINIMIZE THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTACT WITH PRCN SHIPS.

COMMENT: (SNFD) SUBJECT OF ROE AROSE DURING DISCUSSION IN ADM SOONG'S OFFICE BETWEEN ALUSNA AND CINC, CN. RO MENTIONED THAT COMSEVENTHFLT, BECAUSE HIS SHIPS OFTEN TRANSITTED THE STRAITS HAD A NEED TO KNOW CN ROE'S. ADM SOONG STATED "THE QUESTION WAS A REAL CHALLENGE," THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT OR TWO AND THEN PROVIDED THE ABOVE COMMENTS. HE DID NOT REALLY WANT TO SAY TOO MUCH AND ENDED THE SUBJECT BY STATING HE WOULD DISCUSS THE MATTER PERSONALLY WITH COMSEVENTHFLT DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT.

(SNFD) FROM AVAILABLE KNOWLEDGE OF THE CN COMM SYSTEM IT IS BELIEVED THAT A CONTACT REPORT WOULD BE MADE TO ONE OF THE TWO NAVAL OPERATIONS CENTERS (NOC) AT TSOYING OR TAIPEI. THE MESSAGE WOULD PROBABLY BE ROUTED UP THE CHAIN OF COMMAND TO ADM SOONG HIMSELF. ADM SOONG DID NOT INDICATE THAT HE HAD THE AUTHORITY TO DIRECT A SHIP TO TAKE HOSTILE ACTION. FROM THIS OMISSION IT COULD BE PRESUMED THAT SINCE AUTHORITY IS NOT VESTED IN THE CINC CN, BUT IN SOMEONE HIGHER, PROBABLY PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO HIMSELF. GDS-83. UNQUOTE.
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